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Texas Congressman Ron Paul Lauds Job Corps for helping youth

On the front of Congressman Ron Paul's desk in Washington sits a one-pound block of polished aluminum with his name and the Job Corps logo engraved on it. "I believe Job Corps does an admirable job helping young people gain valuable skills," said Paul, who has been a strong supporter of the federally funded career development and vocational training program. Though currently serving on the International Relations and Financial Services committees, Ron Paul served for several years on the Education committee.

"It's so refreshing to see young people who want to learn and better themselves," said Representative Paul, who believes, according to his publicist, Jeff Deist, that federal money for education beyond high school should not be focused primarily on college aid but should also go to support people who might be better served by vocational training. Ron Paul, who as one of the only OB/GYNs between Corpus Christi, Austin and Houston during the 1970s and '80s and who delivered over 4,000 babies, comes by a natural understanding of the diversity of life choices and career paths. The father of five with seventeen grandchildren is an enthusiastic advocate of Gary Job Corps and the Job Corps program which will be celebrating its 40th anniversary next year. Paul has signed a number of 'Dear Colleague' letters in support of increased funding and the authorization of new centers.

At a recent appreciation dinner of the Republican Party in Hays County, Texas, Gary Job Corps machinist student James Coffman presented the congressman with the plaque he designed and created. Coffman will be completing the advanced training portion of his machinist trade and has been accepted into Texas State Technical College where he will continue in the same field. Through an articulation agreement between TSTC and Gary, after James completes his first semester, 21 credit hours earned while at the Job Corps center will be added to his transcript.

"I really enjoyed meeting everyone at the Gary Job Corps center. Thanks to everyone in your organization for your outstanding work, and please invite me back!" said Paul. Congressman, you are welcome back...anytime!

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Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) accepts a plaque designed and constructed by Gary Job Corps advanced machinist student James Coffman.